North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD)

Resolution No. 2016-28

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NCRTD STAFF TO COORDINATE WITH DREAMTREE PROJECT, INC. TO IMPLEMENT A SAFE PLACE PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO A MEMRANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

WHEREAS, the NCRTD was created through legislative enactment (NMSA 1978, Section 73-25-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD is a sub-division of the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the NCRTD was approved and certified by the New Mexico Department of Transportation on the 14th day of September 2004;

WHEREAS, NCRTD will provide transport on its existing routes using its existing schedules to the Town of Taos to existing NCRTD bus stop(s) for individuals requesting Safe Place assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the NCRTD Board that the District will coordinate with DreamTree Project, Inc. to implement a Safe Place Program at the NCRTD.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT ON THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

Daniel Barrone, Chairman

Approved as to form:

Peter Dwyer, Counsel

NCRTD OFFICIAL DOCUMENT

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The following actions need to occur in order to start a Safe Place program:

- Assess the needs of the community in regard to runaway incidences, abuse and neglect allegations, existing outreach and education efforts, access to shelter services, and existing collaborations with businesses and community organizations.
- Provide community leaders with data substantiating the need for Safe Place, how it will benefit the community, and data regarding the utilization of Safe Place in other communities.
- Identify financial resources for the program.
- Send a "letter of intent" and a program implementation plan to National Safe Place Network. Please contact the National Safe Place Network office for more information about this requirement.
- Once the implementation plan is approved, National Safe Place Network will forward a Safe Place License Agreement granting permission to establish the program and use the Safe Place logo.
- The staff member(s) responsible for Safe Place implementation and coordination will be required to participate in a comprehensive Safe Place implementation training session.

National Safe Place Network staff will provide on-going consultation during the implementation planning period and beyond.

Support from National Safe Place Network includes:

- On-going consultation with National Safe Place Network staff through telephone and email communication, webinars and, in some cases, agency visits;
- Quality standardized Safe Place materials;
- Access to a password-protected area of the national Safe Place website;

National Safe Place Network newsletters, electronic updates, and funding opportunities on a regular basis

- Access to the national Safe Place database with extensive reporting features;
- Legal protection of the Safe Place logo;
- Advocacy efforts on behalf of disconnected youth in conjunction with National Safe Place Week and throughout the year
- State, regional and national networking opportunities;
- On-going training opportunities in pertinent areas of interest;
- Professionally produced video presentations and public service announcements.

If you are interested in learning more about how to begin the Safe Place program, please email us or contact the National Safe Place Network office at (502) 635-3660.

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SAFE PLACE

Memorandum of Understanding

Between North Central Regional Transit District and DreamTree Project, Inc.

This agreement is effective this ___ day of _____ and is valid for one year, unless terminated by notice in writing by either party. The NCRTD may elect to renew this MOU annually by payment of the annual renewal fee.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) documents arrangements between North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) and DreamTree Project, Inc. (DTP) to coordinate transit services for vulnerable and/or homeless individuals that request a "Safe Place" and assistance. Upon request, NCRTD will notify DTP that an individual has requested assistance. Passengers requesting DTP assistance may be transported to the Town of Taos via existing NCRTD bus routes and schedules but nothing herein shall require the NCRTD to operate its transit services differently for DTP or Safe Place Program riders than it does for all other NCRTD passengers. DTP may arrange to pickup passengers from NCRTD designated bus stop(s) in the Town of Taos and this MOU has been entered into to coordinate the activities of the NCRTD as a transit agency and the activities of DTP in providing assistance to vulnerable and/or homeless people.

DTP acknowledges and agrees that nothing in this MOU requires or shall be deemed to require the NCRTD to operate its transit services in a manner inconsistent with NCRTD policies and procedures and local, state or federal law. Nothing herein shall require or be deemed to require the NCRTD to appropriate money, purchase insurance, or otherwise make any financial commitments or expenditures in excess of the amounts set forth herein. The NCRTD reserves the right to change its routes, operations and procedures for the delivery of transit services and nothing herein shall constitute an agreement by the NCRTD to provide or deny transit services other than those services the NCRTD provides or denies pursuant to its own policies and procedures.

The NCRTD hereby agrees to:

1. Designate its vehicles and Administrative facilities as "Safe Place" locations; and
2. Assign a "Safe Place Contact" person to act as the liaison between NCRTD and DreamTree Project, Inc. Staff; and

3. Train and instruct NCRTD Staff how to notify Dispatch and/or the NCRTD designated Safe Place Contact when approached by a vulnerable and/or homeless individual and assistance is requested; and
4. Train and instruct NCRTD Dispatch and/or Safe Place Contact in proper procedures to notify DreamTree Project of a an individual requesting assistance; and
5. Transport passengers within the NCRTD service area to designated bus stops (along existing transit routes) in the Town of Taos to the extent such transportation is permitted by NCRTD policies and procedures; and
6. Participate in annual training performed by DreamTree Project, Inc. Staff; and
7. Pay to Dream Tree Project not to exceed $400 for: (1) annual training and initial sign-up fee; (2) large "Safe Place" signs; (2) "If Closed" decals; (2) procedure cards; (75) approximately 8 inch "Safe Place" stickers; and
8. Pay approximately $50 in shipping fees related to Safe Place Program materials; and
9. Consider annual renewal for $15 which amount includes annual training.

DTP hereby agrees to:

1. Provide the annual training, "Safe Place" signs, decals, procedure cards and stickers described above.
2. Coordinate with the NCRTD to pickup individuals requesting Safe Place assistance from NCRTD bus stop(s) in the Town of Taos.
3. Comply with all state and federal laws including but not limited to laws regarding minors.

For DreamTree Project, Inc.:	For North Central Regional Transit District:
_____	_____
Signature	Signature
_____	_____
Printed Name	Printed Name
_____	_____
Title	Title
_____	_____
Date	Date